

## HOOVER CABINET IS FULL; DAVIS WILL RETAIN POST AS SECRETARY OF LABOR

**Men for Commerce and Agriculture Portfolios Described as "Surprise Appointments," But Their Names Are Not Yet Announced.**

**Two Unknown Members of Next Administration Said to Be Prominent Men Not Heretofore Brought Forward as Possible Selections.**

Washington, Feb. 28 (AP)—President-elect Hoover has completed his cabinet with the retention of James C. Davis as secretary of labor and the selection for agriculture and commerce of two men who are described as surprise appointments.

It is said by those close to the president-elect that the names of the remaining two men have not been mentioned in any of the widespread speculation about the cabinet which has been going the rounds ever since election day. It was added that they are outstanding citizens.

**Other Certainties**  
The other two regarded by Mr. Hoover's friends as cabinet certainties are Henry L. Stimson of New York, to be secretary of state; Andrew W. Mellon, of Pennsylvania, secretary of the treasury; James W. Good, of Iowa, secretary of war; William D. Mitchell, of Minnesota, attorney general; Walter F. Brown, of Ohio, postmaster general; Charles Francis Adams, of Massachusetts, secretary of the navy, and Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, of California, secretary of the interior.

With his cabinet worries off his mind, Mr. Hoover is expected to leave for his home in California.

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## EDEL'S DENIAL OF KILLING IS READ

**Transcript Shows Hammer Was Displayed When Accused Was Arrested**

New York, Feb. 28 (AP)—Frederick J. Edel's statement to the grand jury denying that he had killed Mrs. Melville Harrington with a hammer in her New York apartment was read into the record today. Edel's trial for the murder of Mrs. Harrington is scheduled to begin on Monday. The transcript showed that Edel had been asked by John P. McGowan, last April in St. Paul, Minn., where Edel was arrested. The transcript showed that McGowan showed Edel the hammer with which the state contends Edel killed Mrs. Harrington in her New York apartment late in December, 1927.

"Did you kill Mrs. Harrington with this hammer?" McGowan asked.

"I didn't kill her," Edel replied. "How many times did you hit Mrs. Harrington with this hammer?" McGowan inquired.

"I never hit her. I was never in her apartment," Edel answered.

Edel told McGowan that a taxicab driver brought a bag containing articles that had belonged to Mrs. Harrington to Edel's room at the hotel Pennsylvania, saying to Edel Melville sent this to you."

**Used Various Names**  
Edel told McGowan that he did not learn that the New York police were looking for him until January 1, 1928, and that he was in a hotel here. He acknowledged that he had frequently used different names, but that Edel was his correct name and that was born in 1899 in Germany.

He admitted to McGowan that he had given young women in New York the name of "Melville."

Already more than a score of entries have been received and the prospective competitors range from flappers to grandmothers.

The callers may employ either seduction or command, the only criterion being success. "Get your man," the judges instruct. And then the echoes will ring. Fred Erman and M. Perival Standish have volunteered to judge the contest.

**Cabinet to Date**  
The Hoover cabinet now stands as follows:  
Secretary of state—Henry L. Stimson of New York.  
Secretary of treasury—Andrew W. Mellon of Pennsylvania.  
Secretary of war—James W. Good of Iowa.  
Secretary of navy—Charles Francis Adams of Massachusetts.  
Attorney general—William D. Mitchell of Minnesota.  
Postmaster general—Walter F. Brown of Ohio.  
Secretary of agriculture—uncertain.  
Secretary of interior—Ray Lyman Wilbur of California.  
Secretary of commerce—uncertain.  
Secretary of labor—James C. Davis of Pennsylvania.

## TARIFF TINKERING NEAR SECOND PHASE

**Drafting of Revised Measures to Begin Soon After Saturday**

Washington, Feb. 28 (AP)—Tariff revision enters its second phase Saturday when republican members of the house ways and means committee meet to arrange their program for the subcommittee sessions. When these are over the work of drafting the bill to be presented will begin.

The committee yesterday ended seven weeks of open hearings, during which time more than 1,000 witnesses appeared and there were pleas for higher duties on practically all items affected by the present law. Since the changes in duties, under present plans are to be made largely on agricultural schedules, it is probable that most of these pleas will not be heeded.

**Consider Miller Ideas**  
Consideration will be given, however, to suggestions from Ogden Mills, under secretary of the treasury, made to the committee yesterday with a view to improving the administration of the tariff law.

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## COST OF ELECTION TOTALS \$16,586,115

**Republicans Spent \$9,433,604 and Democratic Figure Is \$7,152,511**

Washington, Feb. 28 (AP)—Expenditures of \$16,586,115 on behalf of the republican ticket in the last national campaign, and of \$7,152,511 for the democratic ticket—including in both instances national and state expenses—were reported today by the senate campaign funds investigating committee.

The committee, in its final report, declared that the total amount thus expended by both parties "acting through national committees, independent organizations and state political groups," was \$16,586,115.

The committee also submitted recommendations for amendment of the corrupt practices act to tighten the regulations requiring reports of campaign expenditures. Regulation also of the practice of borrowing of money was recommended.

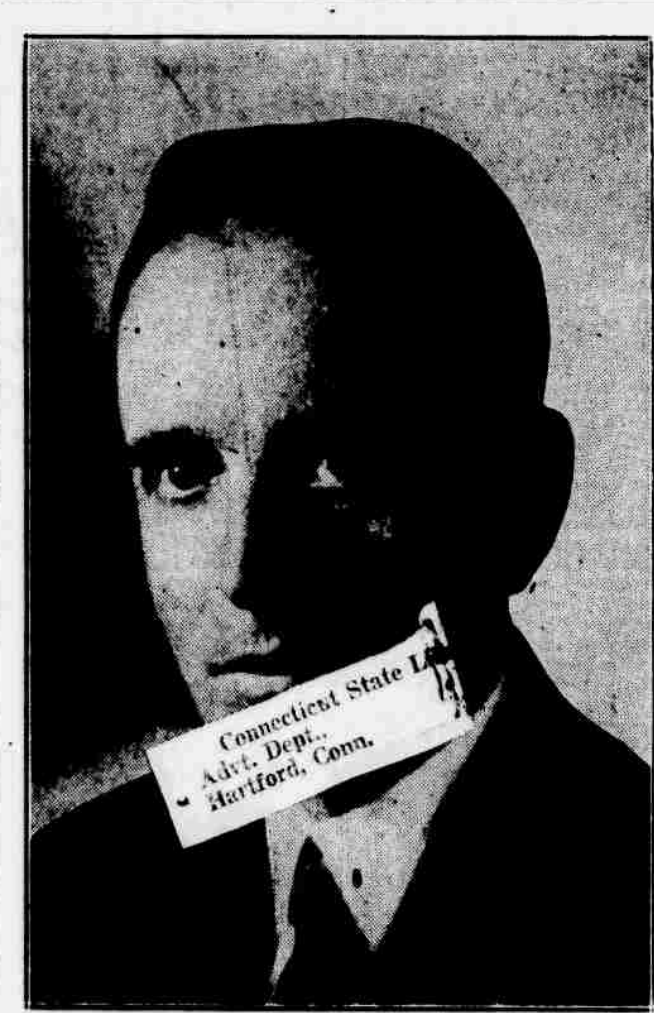
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## ALIEN POTASH TRUST DECLARED BROKEN UP

**Court Forbids Combining by Franco-German Firms in America**

New York, Feb. 28 (AP)—Government attorneys announced today that after almost two years of litigation the fight of the United States to break up operation of the so-called Franco-German potash trust in this country has ended, and all relief sought had been obtained.

## NEXT ATTORNEY GENERAL



William D. Mitchell of Minnesota, who has been picked for Hoover's cabinet as head of the department of justice. He is now solicitor general of the United States.

## M'GURN ACCUSED AS GANG ASSASSIN

**Machine Gun Expert Identified as Chicago Massacre Killer**

**ARRESTED WITH WOMAN**

State's Attorney's Assistant Says  
Other Gunmen and Motive for Slaughter Are Known—Five More Wanted for Crime.

Chicago, Feb. 28 (AP)—Jack McGurn, ruffian and assassin, was identified tonight as one of the St. Valentine's Day gang assassins.

He was arrested at the Hotel Stevens in a suite three floors above that on which the state's attorney's investigators have headquarters. An attractive blonde, who said she was Louise Wolfe, and who McGurn said was his wife, occupied the suite with him.

In a "showup" at detective headquarters following the arrest, McGurn was picked from a line of 20 by two witnesses and identified as one of the killers. David Stansbury, directing the slayer search for the state's attorney, said:

**Motive Is Also Known**  
"The crime has now been solved. There is no question about it. The prisoner has been viewed by witnesses who declare positively that he is one of the killers. I also know the motive."

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## SOVIET-BRITISH OIL WAR SETTLED

**Latter Are Again Accorded Access to Rich Russian Fields**

Moscow, Feb. 28 (AP)—Announcement was made today that a contract has been signed ending the Soviet-British oil war by which the British again are given access to the Russian oil fields and providing for large purchases of Soviet oil by Sir Henry Deterding, managing director of the Royal Dutch Shell companies.

I. G. Sokolnikov, head of the Soviet oil syndicate, in signing the contract, is felt to have scored a singular success for Soviet foreign business inasmuch as the bitter Soviet-British oil war has heretofore been regarded as one of the chief causes of economic and political conflicts between the two countries.

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## FLOOD DAMAGE CLAIMS TO BE HEARD FRIDAY

Common Council Committee to Consider Grievances of Belvidere Property Owners

At the meeting of the common council committee on claims tomorrow at Room 201, City Hall, hearings will be given to property owners on Commonwealth avenue and vicinity whose cellars and grounds were flooded February 7.

## NEWINGTON VOTERS IN HECTIC BATTLE

**Chairman Howard Resigns From School Board After Row**

**HARDING QUILTS OFFICE**

Tumult Over Motions to Hold Up Payments on and Have Inspection of Junior High School—Fire Department Program Adopted.

A vote to stop payments on a new junior high school building, nearly completed, a motion to ask the state director of education to select one of two inspectors to make an inspection of the building, the proposed resignation of the chairman of the board of education and that of the chairman of the building committee, the rejection of both resignations, talk of "rumors" suggesting a "whispering campaign" and the final adoption of plans for the creation of a Newington fire department with three fire stations, marked what residents of Newington described last evening as "a typical town meeting."

The meeting was held in the Grange hall and was called for the purpose of acting on a proposed appropriation of \$40,000 for the creation of a Newington fire district and for the acceptance of the Junior High School.

The meeting was opened by First Selectman J. C. Gilbert. Judge E. Stanley Welles was elected moderator. Town Treasurer Thomas Francis acted as clerk. The hall was filled. About 200 people occupied seats while approximately 100 more stood in the rear.

Objections began almost immediately, riled against practically every project, from the reading of the call, which someone pointed out was issued on February 22, a legal holiday.

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## Decorations for Inauguration to Eclipse Any Similar Event

Washington, Feb. 28 (AP)—The national capital is rapidly acquiring holiday garb and the thousands of visitors who will come here for the inauguration of Herbert Hoover as the thirty-first president of the United States probably will find the city more gaily bedecked than at any time in its history.

Already hundreds of flags and miles of red, white and blue bunting have been hung out and inaugural officials believe that the decorations that will be flaunted along Pennsylvania avenue will eclipse any similar display in the United States.

## HEALING ARTS MEN ARE AGAIN BEATEN

**Chiropractors and Osteopaths Fail to Gain Recognition**

**HOUSE REJECTS ALL BILLS**

All Attempts At Equal Footing With Medical Profession Are Turned Down—Senate Kills "Left Side Walking" Measure.

State Capitol, Hartford, Feb. 28 (AP)—Connecticut members of the Healing Arts "cult," constantly fought by members of the medical profession, failed again today in their efforts to obtain legislation putting them on an equal footing with graduates of accredited medical schools and colleges.

Bills giving medical powers to naturopaths, chiropractors and osteopaths medical powers were rejected in wholesale fashion by the house, after Leader Johnson, speaking on behalf of the judiciary committee, which reported unfavorably on all the bills, had attached these practitioners as belonging to a "cult" which is seeking to usurp the medical authority and wisdom and implications of training possessed by graduates of medical schools and holders of degrees of "doctor of medicine."

Among these bills was one allowing naturopaths to write medical prescriptions and to so conduct themselves professionally as Mr. Johnson said, "give them an equal footing with accredited members of the medical profession and of medical associations and societies."

**Reimburse Attacks Report**  
Mr. Reimers of Durham, the "anti-vaccinationist" of the house, attacked the judiciary committee's unfavorable report on the measure allowing naturopaths to sign death certificates, as physicians do. He said he thought the committee was sufficiently "well informed" to "know better" than to reject such a bill. But an "aye" vote defeated him, and the bill was rejected.

Mr. Johnson, in speaking of the

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## EDWARD R. RAMAGE STRICKEN BY SHOCK

**Widely Known Citizen Dies Today From Sudden Illness**

Edward Ripley Ramage, employed as bookkeeper for 30 years by B. C. Porter Sons, died today at his home, 25 West Pearl street. He was born in this city on September 24, 1874.

Mr. Ramage attended a meeting of the Men's club of the First Congregational church last Tuesday evening. After returning home he began to shiver and sweat and was found unconscious on the sidewalk by a passer-by and taken into the house. It is thought that he was stricken with a shock. Death came at 5:20 o'clock this morning.

Mr. Ramage was the son of Ripley James and Josephine (Griswold) Ramage. He is survived by his wife, Jean (Bird) Ramage, and a sister, Miss Bertha G. Ramage.

For 31 years he had been a member of the First Congregational church. He was also prominent fraternal, holding membership in Commercial lodge, F. & A. M.; Patriotic Order Sons of America, Order of United American Mechanics, Phoenix lodge, I. O. O. F.; Aziz Grotto and of the Musculars' union, of which he was treasurer. He was an accomplished musician and played the piano and cello. He was a member of the Philharmonic band.

Funeral services will be conducted at the home Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. Theodore A. Greene, pastor of the First Congregational church. Interment will be in Fairview cemetery.

## WHITE RIBBONERS ADMIT ALCOHOLIC DEATHS MOUNT

**Jump from 1 to 40 in Million in Seven Years Blamed on Consumption of Dry Law.**

New York, Feb. 28 (AP)—The Women's Christian Temperance Union issued statistics today showing that the death rate from alcoholism in the United States for 1927 was 40 in 1,000,000 of population as compared with one in 1,000,000 in 1920.

The announcement said this increase was due to the refusal to accept the benefits of the prohibition law, and advocated a vigorous educational campaign, especially for young people.

**Education Versus Politics**  
Philadelphia, Feb. 28 (AP)—The executive committee of the Presbyterian Board of Christian Education today announced that the "board's department of moral welfare" would be authorized forthwith to join with more than 30 other temperance organizations of the United States for a unified plan for the observance of the 18th amendment in accordance with the wishes of the new administration of President Hoover.

"This action," the announcement said, "is a result of a visit made to Washington by Dr. J. W. Claudy of Philadelphia, general director of the Presbyterian department of moral welfare. The Presbyterian department will consolidate its prohibition forces with other denominational and national groups, including the Anti-Saloon league, for a more efficient campaign concerning the 18th amendment."

"It is planned to withdraw from certain types of political activity and to unite for increased emphasis on education and cultivation of public opinion for law observance."

## Saved by "Lindy"



MISS ANNE MORROW.

## MAN CLAIMS TRICKERY IN SUIT AGAINST WIFE

**Declares She Kept Proceeds of Real Estate Deal**

Another of the husband versus wife suits over real estate holdings, which have gained prominence within the past week, was brought today. The latest action is that of Alexander Sausanavicius against Maggie Sausanavicius, brought through Attorney Charles W. Tamm.

The complaint reveals that the plaintiff married in 1922, the defendant being a widow with three children, and that in the years following the husband entrusted her with sums of money with the express condition that she open a joint account.

On or about August 16, 1926, the plaintiff alleges that he purchased from Charlotte Marie Nelson property at 96 Pleasant street. Before the date of the deed of conveyance, the plaintiff and defendant entered into an agreement whereby the defendant agreed that if her husband would pay for the purchase of the property, she would convey the property to him in the name of the defendant, she would have the title in trust for both and would convey the plaintiff's one-half interest on demand to any person or persons as the plaintiff would designate and would turn over the proceeds of the sale to the plaintiff.

The husband relying on the promises, purchased the property with his own money and vested the title in the wife's name. He alleges that he never intended to procure the property for his wife entirely and never intended to make a gift of the premises to her. Furthermore, he states that the defendant never paid any consideration for the deed nor any part of it. He expended \$2,000 for the purchase and on various occasions gave her other sums of money, with the understanding that she deposit the money in a local bank on a joint account. It is stated, and has often requested the defendant to convey his share to him but was refused.

In seeking the court's relief, the plaintiff asks that an account may be taken by and under direction of the court of the money given by him to the defendant, and that the defendant be compelled to convey one-half interest in the property.

Papers were served by Constable John S. Reor. The writ is returnable in city court on the third Monday in March.

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## LINDBERGH AND HIS FIANCEE DISREGARD "MISHAP" AND SPEND HALF HOUR IN AIR

**Man Hunts for Coin While Boys Rob Store**  
Six small boys went into Sarkis Abrahamian's fruit store on Lafayette street last night and one of them tossed a five cent piece on the counter in such a way as to cause it to roll onto the floor. Abrahamian, whose sight is poor, was in a bending position behind the counter trying to locate the coin for some time, and when he finally stood up, the youngsters had left with their hands full of goodies.

The police are investigating Abrahamian's complaint.

## GENEVA HOTEL FIRE MENACES AMERICANS

**Widely Known Tourists Are Forced to Pack and Seek Safety**

Geneva, Switzerland, Feb. 28 (AP)—Many American visitors passed anxious moments today when fire started in the Hotel La Residence and spread rapidly under one of the strongest wind storms that Geneva has experienced in years.

There were scenes of excitement bordering on panic as guests hastily flung their clothing into trunks and suitcases and evacuated the hotel.

Among well-known persons lunching when the flames began to engulf the roof of the hotel were John G. Foster, for many years American consul general at Ottawa, Mrs. Foster and Prof. and Mrs. E. G. Patterson, of Philadelphia.

Others included Dr. Juan Antonio Buero, former foreign minister of Uruguay and now legal adviser to the league of nations and also Senor Menela of Cuba who is secretary in the league's legal section.

Prof. Patterson has been giving lectures at the International Institute. Mrs. Patterson has been ill and her husband waited until the last moment before removing her. The Fosters hesitated to move, but before the flames descended on the flames from the fifth to the fourth floor decided to pack and leave.

No casualties were reported.

## SPECULATION FORCES RECORD COPPER PRICE

**Domestic and Export Product at Highest Mark in Ten Years**

New York, Feb. 28 (AP)—The scramble by consumers to buy copper today had sent the price of the metal up one-half a cent a pound to 19 1/4 cents. Sales of both domestic and export copper were reported to have been made at that price, the highest in 10 years and a rise of one and one-quarter cents this week.

In trade circles the situation was described as out of hand because ultimate consumers here and abroad were buying so much copper they were leaving the producers short of the metal and forcing the latter to withdraw from the market. The advance was expected to continue until a new level of stability between 19 1/2 and 20 cents is reached.

No recessions were expected until June at the earliest.

The American Brass company, subsidiary of the American Copper Mining company, raised prices on its products one-quarter to one-half a cent a pound to keep pace with the mounting quotations of the refined metal.

Engineering and Mining Journal, describing the copper market of the last few days as turbulent and somewhat panicky, reported sales of export copper this month totaled \$3,000,000, with no signs of a letup in demand, while domestic purchases in the past week totaled 25,000 tons, more than half of it for June delivery.

Speculative demand is said to have been a factor in the present rise in spite of efforts of producers to prevent it.

## MISS LYMAN CANNOT ATTEND INAUGURATION

**But Curtis' Former Teacher Will Send Congratulatory Telegram to Washington.**

Although Miss Eunice Lyman of Kensington will not be able to attend the inauguration at Washington, D. C., where her former pupil, Sen. Curtis, will be inducted as vice president of the United States, she will be with him in spirit, she says, and will listen to the ceremonies over her radio. She will also send him a congratulatory telegram. Her only wish is that the weather will be as pleasant as that of yesterday.

Miss Lyman taught the vice president-elect when he was a freshman at high school in Topeka, Kan. Recently while he was speaking in Providence, R. I., he recognized her and brought her to the stage where she sat during the meeting.

## Colonel, Injured in Fall Yesterday, Follows Army Recipe of Going Back Into Air After Crash—Guides New Plane With One Hand.

**Miss Morrow Nervous as She Enters Machine, But Leaves It in Gay Spirits After Three Short Hops—Both Wear Helmets and Goggles in Open Cockpit.**

Mexico City, Feb. 28 (AP)—Undaunted by yesterday's "mishap," Col. Charles A. Lindbergh and Miss Anne Morrow today flew for more than 30 minutes over Valbuena field. The colonel used one hand in handling a commercial plane which he borrowed for the flight. They took off at 10:27 a. m., landed ten minutes later, and twice repeated that operation.

Miss Morrow seemed a trifle nervous as she entered the machine, but after the three short hops she was as smiling as the angel. Both were in gay spirits when they climbed out of the machine.

They went immediately to their nearby automobile and waved their hands to the small crowd at the field as they drove away.

Both wore helmets and goggles as the borrowed plane was an open cockpit affair. They could not talk to each other while in the air, but they conversed for about two minutes while they were on the ground after their first two hops.

**Follows Army Rule**  
It seemed evident that the colonel had been studying himself and his fiancée to the army recipe of sending back into the air men who had experienced an accident.

When seen this morning by reporters, the colonel said he was feeling "all right."

Miss Anne Morrow, his fiancée, who

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## TILSON SUGGESTS NEW SESSION DATE

**Hoover Agrees Special Term Ought to Begin by April 10**

Washington, Feb. 28 (AP)—House republican leaders have informed President-elect Hoover they will be ready to transact business at a special session about April 10. Previously April 15 had been the date generally mentioned.

Representative Tilson, of Connecticut, republican floor leader, announced he had suggested this date to Mr. Hoover, who had expressed a willingness to abide by the judgment of the congressional leaders.

Mr. Tilson said the farm relief bill would be ready about April 10 and that the tariff revision measure probably would be completed for house consideration ten days later. Therefore, he said, the prospects were that farm relief would be considered ahead of the tariff.

**One Week On Farm Bill**  
Tilson said the agriculture measure would require only about a week's consideration in the house. The tariff measure probably would require from three weeks to a month, he said.

The republican leader would not predict the possible length of the special session.

While it is the opinion of many in the house that the special session will confine its work to tariff and farm relief and organize only the necessary committees, Tilson said that if the senate saw fit to act on the house reapportionment bill the house would be willing to act on it.

The house has passed the bill to

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## Old Coal Mine Fire Spreads Deadly Gas

New Straitsville, Ohio, Feb. 28 (AP)—The smouldering peril of a 45-year-old fire in the coal lands of this vicinity today again menaced a section of New Straitsville as the flames, eating their way to the surface, burst out and spread a pall of deadly gas over the hillsides.

Miners from several companies in the vicinity were blasting around an exposed crater of nearly 50 square feet in an effort to shut off the flow of air and check the flames.

Started in the 1850's by men who fired a mine in the heat of a strike, the blaze has smouldered since, occasionally cropping to the surface. In the 45 years since the fire started, the underground surface has moved several miles in each direction, causing cave-ins and raising buildings over its path.